The Community Practitioner Program (CPP) has improved health care in North Carolina for over 25 years through a winning proposition: student loan repayment and practice management help to medical providers in return for their service in the neediest communities.

“Coming out of school and training with lots and lots of debt can make it difficult to pursue the things your heart is telling you to do.... The Community Practitioner Program is a win-win. I’m doing what I enjoy in a place where I feel like I can help, and it’s allowing me the ability to do so without as much stress about the repayment part of my education.”

CPP Participant Christian Lige, MD
Surf Pediatrics & Medicine
Nags Head, NC

With the help of the CPP, pediatrician Christian Lige, MD, has been able to grow his practice on the Outer Banks—serving the community while raising his family in a place most people only get to see on vacation.

Taineisha Bolden, MD
Roxboro Family Medicine & Immediate Care
Roxboro, NC

CPP: THE IMPACT

$2.5 MILLION
Value of care provided to the under- and uninsured patients annually

$350 MILLION
Value of care provided to the under- and uninsured patients

38
Number of primary care providers assisted in 2014

400+
Number of primary care providers assisted since 1989

$350,000
Amount granted to practitioners in 2014

$15 MILLION
Amount granted to practitioners since 1989

131
Number of communities with improved access to care thanks to CPP

85
Number of counties with improved access to care thanks to CPP
THREE PATHS TO EXCELLENCE

1. Established in 2003, the **NCMS Leadership College Program** builds physician and PA individual leadership skills and equips graduates to become more influential within their practice setting as well as in motivating and inspiring other physicians to be leaders in their communities.

2. The **“CQU” Clinical Quality Program** is a team-based approach that provides educational resources and training to enable participants to play leadership roles in building and improving quality in their practice setting.

3. A third program, currently in development, will focus on the business skills necessary for physicians to be successful leaders in today’s complex health care system.

LEADERSHIP COLLEGE: THE IMPACT

“Leadership College provided something I could not get anywhere else. Specifically, it put a series of like-minded, forward-thinking people from many walks of medicine together in a room working towards a series of common goals. It opened my eyes to the experiences of different specialties, different practice models and different provider levels.”

Jeremy Pyle, MD
Leadership College
Class of 2012
Aesthetic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Raleigh, NC

208
Leadership College Scholars since 2003

45%
Alumni advanced to leadership positions in their workplace and/or professional organization since participating

Specialty Area of Participants

- 44% Primary Care
- 26% Surgical
- 20% Medical/Non-Surgical
- 8% Medical/Surgical
- 2% Other
Avenues of Giving

There are several avenues of support for the NCMS Foundation. You may direct your gift to any of the following funds:

**Sustainers Fund** – Provides annual support for the operations of all Foundation health care programs, as well as funding for research and development of new initiatives or for quick response to emerging needs.

**Community Practitioner Program** – Provides annual support to improve access to care by recruiting primary care providers for NC’s most vulnerable patients, and offers business management assistance to ensure practitioners are able to thrive in the communities that need them most.

**NCMS Leadership College** – Provides annual support for a year-long educational course designed to enhance physician and physician assistant members’ core aptitudes to excel as leaders within medicine.

**Estes Endowment for Health Care Access** – Established to honor E. Harvey Estes, Jr., MD, this fund provides permanent support for the general operations of the NCMS Foundation and its programs to improve access to health care.

**Kanof Leadership Development Endowment** – Established to honor Elizabeth P. Kanof, MD, this fund provides permanent support for physician leadership development through the various programs of the newly created Kanof Institute for Physician Leadership.

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